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GENTLEMEN,

**W**ERE I not the inconsiderable Object of your Choice, I should be able more fully to express my Congratulations upon the justly-deserved Successes, which have attended your late manly Struggles for reviving the Political Constitution, Struggles which were conducted with Prudence and Virtue, hardly equalled, and never outdone, by any Age or Nation recorded in antient or modern History.

Long, too long indeed, had *Dublin* groaned under the most unjust, illicit, senseless and shameless Rulers. Too long had the Citizens been set at naught; too long had the most despicable Faction usurped the Authority and Power of the whole; too long had the few ruled the many with a Rod of Iron, while Wisdom and Virtue abashed, forsook and fled from the prostituted Councils of the abandoned City.

Yet the most infamous and profligate Men that could, by the most iniquitous Measures, worm themselves into any Share of the most unjust and contemptible Administration in the City, have seldom, if ever, wanted Advocates among some Men in Office; whether knowing or ignorant of the Abuses that overturned and disgraced the City, let such Men determine.

The Efforts lately made to establish the destructive Yoke of Tyranny, with which the Necks of Free-men in the City have long been galled, have too manifestly been countenanced by Persons of Weight and Authority in the Nation, assisted, how shall I mention it? by so many of that Sacred Function among us, who are appointed to teach Men that which is good, all that the Great Author of Nature requires of his Creatures, to do Justice, to love Mercy, and to walk humbly with their God. These holy Men, that should inculcate the Doctrine of Liberty, derived from the BLESSED FOUNDER of our Religion, joined with such of those possessed of temporal Power among us, as wished not well to our *Israel*, even with the Rulers of our ill-governed City, to obstruct the Freedom of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament; a Freedom, without which, our inimitable Political Constitution can not be said to exist. Thus much Power, temporal as well as spiritual, has been exerted to subvert the Constitutional Freedom of our Election.

Under such Sanctions, what might not our Enemies hope to perpetrate? What Schemes might not be formed, what have not been tried, to impose Members of Parliament on the Capital of the Kingdom?

What could have withstood such a Combination of Forces? — Nothing less than the most consummate Prudence and Virtue. And these, thank Heaven! You have exerted with Fortitude and Zeal, hardly paralleled, never excelled, in any Age or Nation of the World.

Who, that loves the King and Constitution of his Country, can hear this, without inexpressible Exultation? The Blessings of the Exertion of this truly Constitutional Spirit are not confined to this Age or Kingdom solely; they will, they must be enjoyed by our confederate Kingdom, and felt by Generations yet unborn.

Our great Cause of Exultation is no less than, that CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY, by its blessed Parents, WISDOM AND VIRTUE, is, in part, restored in the Metropolis of this Realm: while we contended with no less than *Principalities and Powers*, I may say, with the Rulers of Darkness, seconded by *Spiritual Perverseness in high Place*. Nothing but the Blessings of Heaven, ever attendant on virtuous Liberty, could give us any Hopes of a Victory over such a formidable Conspiracy. But blessed be God's gracious Providence! that suffered us not to fall a Prey to the *prouling Wolves*, the *devouring Sharks*, or the *Foxes* disguised in *Sheep-skin*, who have long layen in wait to sap the Foundation of our Government, to rob us of the invaluable Comforts of the best of all Political Constitutions! Happily our Enemies are fallen into the Pit of Contempt and Infamy, which they prepared for our Perdition.

I shall not repute the many and various Schemes of Iniquity wickedly calculated to poison the vital Source of the Civil Constitution. I should wish them buried in perpetual Oblivion, were it not necessary for your future Security, that the Means attempted should ever be held in Remembrance, while the Men, in Christian Charity, may and ought to be forgiven and forgot.

I shall only observe, that in Spight to all the Powers that combined and opposed the Freedom of your Election, had you not unfortunately suffered some of your Corporations to fall into intestine Divisions, through the Craft and Subtily of some false Brothers, you must have had it in your own Power to send the two Candidates you fixed on, into Parliament.

But, though you did not succede equal to your first Intentions or Wishes; I can not help congratulating you, upon the Proof your Virtues, your Weight, and your Interest in the Election of your Members have given, that in Spight to the most powerful Opposition ever known in the City, the FREE ELECTORS have been able to support their own Election.

The happy Inference from which is, that whenever the FREE ELECTORS unite, and exert their native Virtues and their Strength, with such Zeal as they have shewn upon this Occasion, no Power or Confederacy of Powers can disturb or interfere with the Freedom of their Elections of Members of Parliament; and, of course, the Disates of the Board of Aldermen, in these Instances, will rather disqualify, than recommend a Candidate to your Choice.

Had you proceeded upon any other Principles than these, I should have looked on your Election or Appointment of me, rather as a Reproach, than an Honor.

But, as I am well persuaded that, if I were capable of offering Sinister Influence to poison the VITAL SPRING of our Constitution in Elections, those who elected me must have been found Proof against all the Alurements of Fortune, and the Menaces of Power; I can not avoid exulting with a most grateful Heart, on finding my self the Chosen Delegate of Men, who had the Sense to distinguish the Characters and Qualifications of Candidates, and the Virtues to withstand alike all kinds of Threats and Temptations, with manly Fortitude; equal, if not superior, to the purest Ages of Antiquity; while every FREE ELECTOR was animated by the Love of Liberty alone, to procure the Election of the Man he approved, with Care and Assiduity, hardly inferior to those of some modern Candidates.

To be chosen to represent Men of these generous, exalted Sentiments, in the GRAND COUNCIL of the Nation, and for the Capital of the Kingdom, is, in my Estimation, the greatest Honor that can be conferred, as well as the most important Trust that can be reposed, in Man.

With an Heart overflowing with inexpressible Gratitude, I acknowledge the Weight of this Honor and of this Trust. You know my Intentions to deserve the one, and to discharge the other, with Care, Zeal and Fidelity.

Yesterday, I called you *Brothers*; how strangely Circumstances are since altered? — Now, I confess You MY MASTERS, and own my self your *delegated Servant*. With Alacrity, I engage in the painful, but pleasing Service; and shall endeavor to shew You, that my Actions shall prove the Sincerity of my repeated Professions to You.

Though chosen only by a Part of my Fellow Citizens, I look upon my self, as a Representative, Counsellor and Guardian to the Whole. In the Discharge of my Political Duty, I shall make no Distinction between those who promoted and those who opposed my Election. But, as the former, however inconsiderable their Choice, could only be actuated by the most disinterested, pure and constitutional Motives, they must ever challenge my warmest Affection and profound Respect with invariable Gratitude.

Nor do I look upon my self as confined in my Duty to *Dublin* alone; my Care and Regards must extend to the utmost Limits of the Realm, giving Preference to those particular Counties and Cities, who have been pleased to distinguish me with Marks of their Regards and Confidence. Ever foremost in this Number, I must consider the ancient, loyal and free City of CORKE, who seconded the generous Intentions of one of her most distinguished Patriot Members, with desiring him to honor me with his Suffrage at our Election. This raises the Respect and Gratitude I ever bore that great and populous City, and induces me to consider my self as one of her Members.

In an Address of this Nature, I think it my Duty to remember those who generously co-operated with the virtuous Intentions of the FREE ELECTORS. As the first who eminently concurred with You, I must ever consider your late worthy Member Colonel DUNN. To Men so sensible of his Virtues, I need not further expatiate upon them. It is enough to observe to You, that he, a second Time, sacrificed all private Regards to the Service of the Public, and that it is owing to the just Deference this worthy Gentleman payed to the Desires of his Fellow Citizens, that a Scheme, calculated by our Enemies to bring him into Parliament, if they should not find themselves able to get us both rejected, was by him contemned and frustrated.

This is an Instance of such Generosity and Public Spirit, as can, I am sure, never be forgotten, while the Regard now payed to Virtue and to Liberty exists in *Dublin*. Let me hope the jealousies and resentments, already carried too far against some mistaken Friends of this Gentleman, who opposed his Resignation and the Cause which he before and after espoused, will be totally layed aside; when the closeness of their Connections are considered, and it is remembered that all Men can not bear Disappointments alike. I hope these Gentlemen will soon see and approve the Rectitude as well as Expediency of the Request made to Colonel DUNN by the FREE ELECTORS, and join with the Public in giving immortal Applause to his Conduct.

Our most grateful Acknowledgments are justly challenged by our Sherifs for the matchless Justice, Prudence and Regularity with which they conducted and closed the Election.

We are sensibly indebted to the many Patriot and truly honorable Members of the House of Commons, who countenanced the Free Electors, and honored us with attending the Election.

Nor should we forget the remarkable Sobriety and peaceable Disposition of the Populace during this whole Election; where no Degree of Intemperance or Riot was to be seen in any Part of the Town.

Now, MY WORTHY MASTERS, remember your Task is not over with the Election. Consider of all Ways and Means for encouraging and improving Agriculture, with your several Manufactures and every useful Branch of Trade and Commerce; agree upon the Means among yourselves, and I shall endeavor to carry all your prudent and just Instructions into Execution.

As I think it incumbent on me to provide as well for the Bodily as the Political Health of my Fellow Subjects; I therefore judge it proper to apply to the Corporation of Apothecaries in particular to assist me. These Gentlemen know, that the Law I procured for preventing Frauds and Abuses, when I was my self in that Profession, is expired. It is incumbent on them to shew where this Statute is defective, to improve it, and solicit the obtaining such a Law.

I have further to add, that if these Gentlemen have, as I hope they have, the Honor of the Different Branches of the Healing Art as well as the Public Good at Heart, they will raise a Fund for establishing an Elaboratory and Hall, where all Medicines may be dispensed and prepared under Public Inspection. This may be conducted so as to bring no small Emolument to the Corporation, and must prevent the Importation of chemical Medicines, too frequently adulterate and corrupt; while the Profession of Physic must be rendered more beneficent and useful to Society, more likely to answer the noble Ends of the Institution. For these desirable Purposes, I am ready and willing to give every Assistance in my Power.

It shall be my particular Care to attend to the promoting every salutary Law for the Security of the Public Liberties, or, as our PATRIOT KING expresses it, for the strengthening and improving the Political Constitution.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

With the most unfeigned Affection, Respect and

Most truly faithful, and

Dublin, May 7,  
1761.